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INTRODUCTION

Under the increasing impact of urbanization, our county is suffering major metropolitan problems without metropolitan tools to effect controls.

The two major concerns are the need for new Detention facilities and the continuing burglaries of residential and commercial establishments.

The statistics contained within this report clearly indicate an increasing number of inmate bookings at the jail. The crime of burglary has decreased minimally, but still is so frequent that it must be considered of epidemic proportion.

We are working in every conceivable way to remedy the detention problem. The department has maximized the use of citation issue in lieu of physical arrest whenever possible. We have fully utilized Work Furlough and other training programs consistent with the available facilities.

The greatest difficulty is presented by the need to detain the unsentenced inmate at the time of arrest until the conclusion of his trial. Many unsentenced inmates who are jailed cannot be released on bail because of the type of crime committed, high bail due to a great risk factor, or because additional charges are pending by other jurisdictions. The need for a new jail is primarily to confine this type of inmate.

We have attacked the burglary problem in several areas; by establishment of a one-man patrol system to increase patrol frequency; by application for a Federal Law Enforcement Administration grant to fund a special burglary suppression effort, and by working with special service areas in control and awareness programs.

The department will continue to provide the highest level of service to the community.

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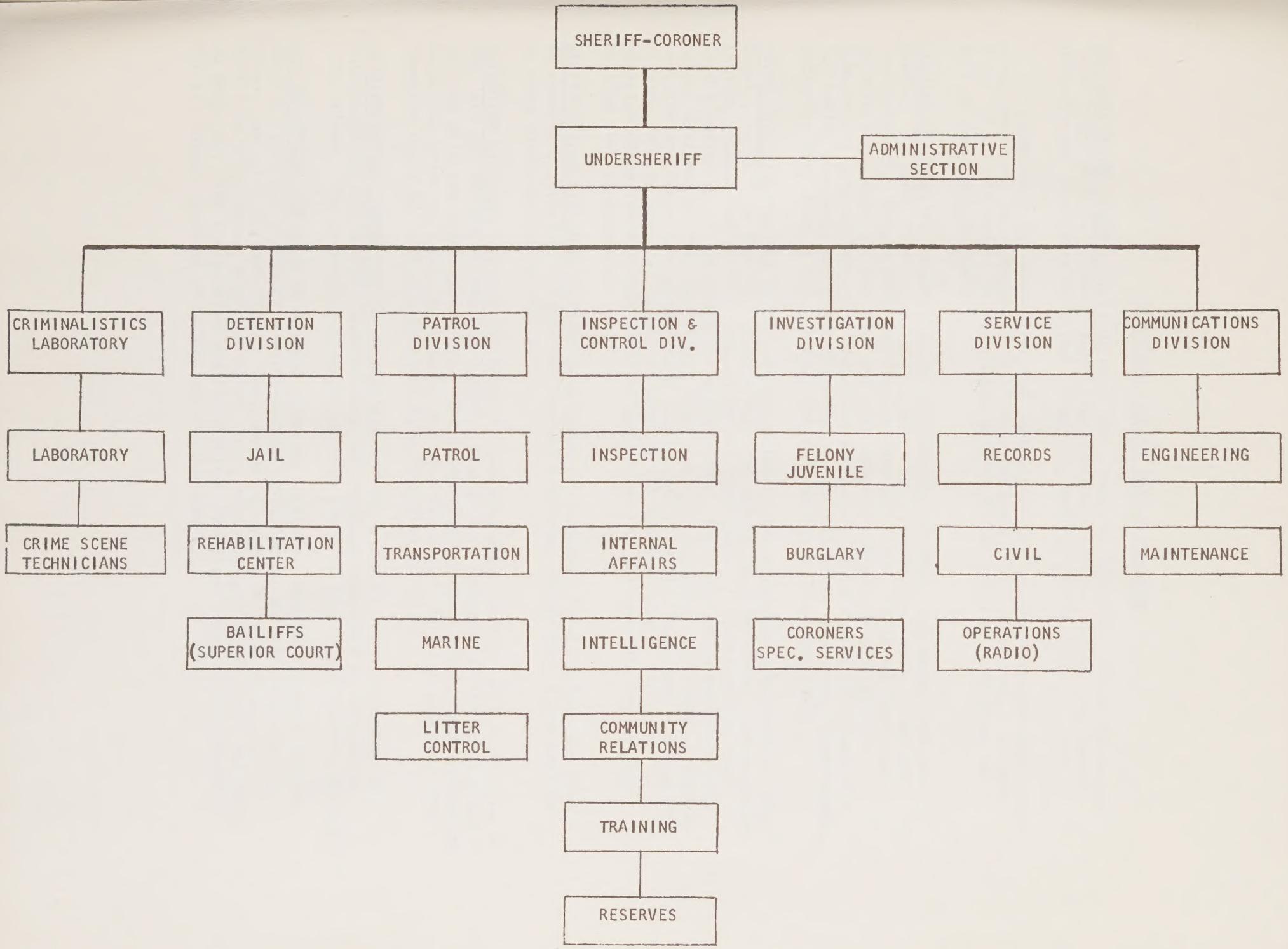
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DIVISIONS WITHIN THIS DEPARTMENT

INSPECTION AND CONTROL DIVISION went into effect on 6/21/71. It was formed to serve eight main functions: Inspection, Internal Affairs, Background Checks, Intelligence, Community Relations, Training, Safety, and Reserves.

It is responsible for inspection and recommendations to ensure proper efficiency, procedures, and maintenance of facilities throughout the department. It functions in a staff capability to enable administrative control in meeting the service needs of the County.

SERVICE DIVISION is responsible for processing warrants, subpoenas, and civil papers. It keeps files on subjects, suspects, reports, evidence, found and lost property. Photographs and fingerprints are taken, filed and processed in accordance with certain laws and requirements concerning applications. Reports are transcribed. The operation bureau of this Division is responsible for taking emergency calls and dispatching Deputies along with other Departments, including Ambulance, F.B.I., Animal Control, and some Fire Departments.

PATROL DIVISION has the normal police duties in the unincorporated areas of the County, as well as the City of Lafayette and the Delta water areas. Other duties include transportation of prisoners to and from court, jail and prison, and investigation of litter cases for prosecution. There are three non-sworn personnel assigned to this Division. They are: (1) Equipment Serviceman - insures vehicles are operating and serviced (2) Sheriff's Service Assistant - drives and directs inmates assigned to litter pick up (3) Special Deputy, Crockett - a position established by the Board of Supervisors to cite persons for vehicle parking laws in Crockett.

INVESTIGATION DIVISION has four main areas of responsibility: Felony and High Misdemeanor, Juvenile, Coroner and Special Services. These duties are handled by team investigation units.

DETENTION DIVISION includes the County's two main adult correctional facilities - the Jail and the Rehabilitation Center. The Jail is responsible for booking and holding male and female prisoners. The Rehabilitation Center holds male prisoners, books and holds week-end commitments and also has a work furlough program. Ten Superior Court Bailiffs are assigned from Detention Division.

CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY is responsible for the analysis, identification and interpretation of various items of physical evidence submitted in connection with crimes. The Laboratory provides service for over fourteen different agencies.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION is divided into two sections. The Maintenance Section handles radio and electronics maintenance, installation and modification for County and other jurisdictions. Included are City and District Fire, Police, Public Works, Schools, Regional Parks, etc., totaling over 1,300 units and about 70 agencies. The Engineering Section provides technical consultation services for all County agencies and other contracting users.

TABLE OF PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATION		
Sheriff	1	
Undersheriff	1	
Administrative Assistant	1	
Administrative Analyst I	1	
Senior Stenographer Clerk	1	
Clerks	2	
Clerks P.I.	2	
Total	9	
COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION		
Communications Engineer	1	
Supv. Communications Technician	1	
Communications Technician	5	
Radio Equipment Aide	1	
Intermediate Stenographer Clerk	1	
Total	9	
CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY		
Chief Criminalist	1	
Criminalist III	1	
Criminalist II	6	
Sergeant	1	
Deputy Sheriff	1	
Senior Stenographer Clerk	1	
Clerks	3	
Total	14	
DETENTION DIVISION		
Captain	1	
Lieutenant	2	
Sergeant	6	(1)
Deputy Sheriff-Jailor	32	(6)
Deputy Sheriff-Bailiff	10	
Deputy Sheriff-Female	4	
Deputy Sheriff-Female P.I.	2	
Work Furlough Parole Officer	1	
Account Clerk II	1	
Clerks	4	
Departmental Services Aide	1	
Lead Cook	2	
Total	66	(7)

INSPECTION AND CONTROL DIVISION*		
Captain	1	
Lieutenant	1	
Sergeant	4	
Deputy Sheriff	1	
Typist Clerk	1	
Total	8	
INVESTIGATION DIVISION		
Captain	1	
Lieutenant	3	
Sergeant	26	(1)
Sergeant-Female	3	
Deputy Sheriff	5	
Senior Stenographer Clerk	1	
Clerks	4	
Total	43	(1)
PATROL DIVISION		
Captain	1	
Lieutenant	5	
Sergeant	10	(1)
Deputy Sheriff	131	
Sheriff's Services Assistant	1	
Equipment Serviceman	1	
Lead Clerk III	1	
Clerks	3	
Total	153	(1)
SERVICE DIVISION		
Captain	1	
Lieutenant	1	
Deputy Sheriff	4	
Storekeeper	1	
Supervising Clerk I	1	
Clerks	22	
Departmental Services Aide	1	
Senior Sheriff's Dispatcher	5	
Sheriff's Dispatcher	16	
Sheriff's Dispatcher P.I.	3	
Clerk P.I.	1	
Total	56	

Figures in parentheses are new positions in budget fiscal year 1971-72
*This Division was initiated on 6/21/71

TOTAL PERSONNEL	358	(9)
TOTAL SWORN PERSONNEL	269	(9)
TOTAL NON SWORN PERSONNEL	89	

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 1970-71

	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
Number of cases, all categories	28,678	29,799	31,475	33,879	36,856
Number of cases cleared	4,833	5,270	4,659	3,073	3,420
Number of Felonies					
Includes petty theft over $50.	5,886	5,993	6,693	6,586	7,249
Number of persons arrested or cited					
Adults, persons over 18 years	1,499	1,438	2,044*	2,296	2,333
Juveniles	3,259	2,701	2,885*	2,719	2,678
Total arrests, citations	4,758	4,139	4,929	5,015	5,011

*Includes arrests for the City of Lafayette

LAFAYETTE POLICE (CONTRACT CITY - AUGUST 1968)

Number of cases, all categories	---	---	2,087	4,112	4,501
Number of cases cleared	---	---	245	348	438
Number of Felonies					
Includes petty theft over $50.	---	---	436	642	830
Number of persons arrested or cited					
Adults, persons over 18 years	---	---	---	68	87
Juveniles	---	---	---	255	181
Total arrests, citations				323	268

SERVICE DIVISION

	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
WARRANTS PROCESSED (LOCAL & FOR OTHER JURISDICTIONS)	11,661	12,373	12,707	13,212	12,824
WARRANTS SERVED BY PATROL	3,200	3,723	3,547	5,152	4,949
WARRANTS SERVED BY OTHER JURISDICTIONS & MISC.	4,032	4,763	5,712	5,780	6,374
SUBPOENAS PROCESSED	3,969	4,278	6,538	7,389	6,328
FILE CHECK INQUIRIES by mail	4,514	7,561	6,850	6,630	7,205
by telephone	---	31,436	43,067	65,892	76,364
CASE FILES Felony	5,202	6,175	7,360	7,591	6,571
Misdemeanor	27,222	27,534	30,794	38,177	35,378
FINGERPRINT APPLICANTS	1,654	1,852	1,869	1,947	2,054
TRANSCRIBING Reports	34,055	35,265	36,652	46,328	42,663
Supplements	11,247	11,498	10,961	10,948	9,073
CIVIL PAPERS - SERVED	6,032	5,365	4,591	3,821	4,208
PROPERTY INDEXED - EVIDENCE AND FOUND PROPERTY	3,073	4,194	4,755	5,006	4,771

COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS	1,324,979	1,443,554	1,610,327	1,955,475	1,934,263
TELEPHONE CALLS (Daily Av.)	818	1,036	1,505	1,624	1,786
(Yearly Totals)	299,234	378,615	549,157	592,826	651,847
AMBULANCES DISPATCHED	13,072	14,244	15,285	16,183	18,009
TELETYPE MESSAGES SENT AND RECEIVED	84,153	94,703	98,268	96,628	87,060
COMPUTER TRANSACTIONS*	24,074	27,366	39,811	73,672	76,672

*Computer transactions include information inquiries and record changes in the following systems: AUTOSTATIS (California Highway Patrol auto theft system); DOJS (California Department of Justice wanted persons and stolen property file); NCIC (National Crime Information Center) computer at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Name and vehicle inquiries are additionally made from the PIN (Police Information Network) computer, a regional system centered in Oakland for the Bay Area law enforcement agencies.

PATROL DIVISION
(also includes all activities of Transportation Detail)

	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
DETAILS HANDLED	30,290	33,168	35,537	45,967	62,772
ARRESTS FELONY	362	427	546	571	530
ARRESTS MISDEMEANOR	1,181	1,134	1,089	1,142	1,059
WARRANTS RECD. DURING YR.	4,995	5,478	4,611	3,565	2,527
WARRANTS ATTEMPTED	8,584	7,718	6,088	7,853	6,998
WARRANTS CLEARED	4,653	4,417	3,143	4,321	3,806
JUVENILE CITATIONS	515	421	247	178	160
VEHICLE CODE CITATIONS	515	477	347	865	1,903
COUNTY/CITY ORD. CIT.	24	17	9	10	35
STATE CODE CITATIONS	38	31	27	19	47
F. I. CARDS	381	258	185	1,243	2,063
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY CHECK	30,518	36,154	34,076	49,461	74,542
VACATION HOUSE CHECKS	5,647	6,250	3,415	9,785	16,200
UNSECURED PREMISES	31	28	12	66	104
COMM. INDEX CARDS	136	334	163	1,336	306
HAZARDS REPORTED	27	22	15	52	50
ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	1,246	831	1,052	1,397	1,824
SPECIAL DUTY	404	507	695	1,033	1,416
CIVIL PAPERS	82	24	74	18	19
SUBPOENAS	4,708	4,582	6,600	5,252	6,101
W. I. PAPERS	1,360	1,286	1,181	435	427
JURIES RECD. DURING YR.	156	54	40	--	--
JURIES ATTEMPTED	51	21	6	3	12
JURIES SERVED	128	42	31	--	3
SUPERIOR COURTS	1,737	1,764	1,709	2,139	7,332
MUNI/JUSTICE COURTS	4,290	3,783	4,638	6,295	5,241
OUT-OF-COUNTY TRANSP.	424	522	538	989	916
MISCELLANEOUS TRANSP.	5,096	4,764	3,686	3,982	5,757
COUNTY HOSPITAL	1,343	1,526	1,201	2,209	1,957
STATE HOSPITAL	797	750	695	68	23
STATE INSTITUTIONS	248	312	221	357	437
EQUIP. SERV. (VEHICLE)	369	604	805	226	206
EQUIP. SERV. (RADIO)	61	26	37	38	37
TOTALS	110,397	117,732	112,719	150,875	203,868

CITY OF LAFAYETTE

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DETAILS HANDLED				5,423	5,915
ARRESTS FELONY				14	16
ARRESTS MISDEMEANOR				42	44
WARRANTS RECD. DURING YR.				244	119
WARRANTS ATTEMPTED				637	539
WARRANTS CLEARED				362	290
JUVENILE CITATIONS				13	11
VEHICLE CODE CITATIONS				1,998	2,627
COUNTY/CITY ORD. CIT.				2	5
STATE CODE CITATIONS				10	7
F. I. CARDS				51	53
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY CHECK				8,501	8,795
VACATION HOUSE CHECKS				2,600	2,181
UNSECURED PREMISES				3	14
COMM. INDEX CARDS				334	34
HAZARDS REPORTED				19	32
ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES				101	121
SPECIAL DUTY				115	168
SUBPOENAS				486	663
MISCELLANEOUS TRANSP.				36	33
EQUIP. SERV. (VEHICLE)				25	20
EQUIP. SERV. (RADIO)				7	2
TRAFFIC ACCID. INVEST.				407	476
TOTALS				21,426	22,146

INVESTIGATION DIVISION

	1966-67		1967-68		1968-69		1969-70		1970-71	
	Subm.	Invest.	Subm.	Invest.	Subm.	Invest.	Subm.	Invest.	Subm.	Invest.
ABORTIONS	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
ARSON	22	21	42	39	56	44	66	47	93	51
ADW	163	159	199	186	189	169	203	178	165	136
BURGLARY *	2,950	2,709	3,659	2,258	4,165	2,085	4,641	1,806	4,043	1,202
CHECKS	854	852	683	681	697	697	746	744	377	371
FORGERY & FRAUD	192	187	210	204	242	239	132	129	143	141
GRAND THEFT **	443	411	553	484	588	442	781	489	569	256
HOMICIDE	12	11	8	7	8	8	10	8	8	8
MISSING PERSONS	196	161	154	144	151	135	182	155	156	128
MURDER-ATTEMPT	4	4	9	9	20	20	30	26	17	16
RAPE	31	28	35	31	36	34	48	42	25	19
ROBBERY	105	92	98	92	108	102	119	105	110	94
SUICIDE ATTEMPT	119	84	107	51	40	26	70	4	40	4
FELONY-MISC.	111	106	120	101	104	88	157	110	134	105
MISCELLANEOUS	1,227	396	1,363	373	402	274	975	85	828	81
TOTALS	6,429	5,221	7,243	4,663	6,807	4,364	8,160	3,928	6,708	2,612

*Includes Auto Burglary
** Includes G.T. Auto

In addition to the above cases submitted and investigated by the Investigation Division, a total of 792 cases were submitted to the Special Service Bureau during the fiscal year. Cases investigated by the Special Service Bureau were as follows: Opium & Derivatives 31, Marijuana 317, Synthetic Narcotics 5, LSD 1, Other Dangerous Drugs 129, Gambling 3, Bookmaking 1, Liquor Violations 3, Prostitution 2, Other Offenses 48, Unassigned 252. There were 662 adult arrests and 284 juvenile arrests. The Special Service Bureau personnel consists of a Sergeant and five Deputy Sheriffs.

JUVENILE BUREAU

	1966-67		1967-68		1968-69		1969-70		1970-71	
	Subm.	Invest.	Subm.	Invest.	Subm.	Invest.	Subm.	Invest.	Subm.	Invest.
ASSAULT	423	315	307	203	252	205	329	294	210	182
BURGLARY	615	513	726	578	849	683	645	535	821	611
THEFT	1,912	621	1,764	597	910	515	709	493	370	275
SEX OFFENSES	170	153	184	162	184	166	193	166	136	123
MAL. MISCH.	2,849	564	2,653	430	951	322	489	312	369	228
LIQUOR LAWS	93	84	63	56	91	83	91	81	56	51
RUNAWAY, ETC.	772	661	1,071	960	1,108	1,004	919	834	957	832
INCORRIGIBLE	302	245	311	243	394	321	333	286	353	314
CURFEW	94	94	89	84	80	76	168	146	188	184
WEAPON LAWS	142	69	109	52	67	57	45	30	44	30
MISCELLANEOUS	2,166	632	1,883	592	1,274	545	1,021	510	902	577
TOTALS	9,538	3,951	9,160	3,957	6,160	3,977	4,942	3,687	4,406	3,407

DETENTION DIVISION

DAILY INMATE POPULATION AVERAGE	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
Rehabilitation Center	117.2	138.1	136.3	132.1	130.3
Main Jail	125.5	130.1	141.0	168.1	168.1
Booking Totals	6,400	6,839	8,681	10,261	11,243

The Work Furlough Program is in its fifth year of operation.

	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
Number on Program	53	76	119	136	135
No. Released by Court-Mod. Prob.	2	4	7	16	22
No. Removed for Violation/Rules	6	16	15	13	16
No. Paroled County Parole Board	1	3	2	1	2
No. Released Sentence Completed	34	42	70	87	81
No. on Program End of Year	10	11	25	19	14

Prisoners sentenced to the Sheriff's Department Rehabilitation Center work in the County's Agricultural Industry at prevailing wages for the type of work performed.

	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
Number on Program	53	76	119	136	135
Days Worked	1673	2509	3775	4027	4262
Earnings (Net)	29,078.77	45,064.48	65,857.18	66,953.37	80,224.97
County Charge	5,855.50	8,781.50	13,226.50	14,108.50	14,917.00
Sent to Family	16,230.70	27,355.02	40,071.88	38,776.78	46,341.49
Expenses, Bills, etc.	6,666.97	6,803.63	10,038.64	13,210.17	17,463.45
In Trust	325.60	2,124.33	2,520.16	847.92	1,503.03

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION
TECHNICAL SERVICES

	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
Communications Maintenance, Modification, Installation, Work Order Totals	2,972	3,459	3,870	4,807	4,585

This Division is divided into the Communications Maintenance Section, and Communications Engineering Section. The Maintenance Section handles radio and electronics maintenance, installation and modification for County agencies and many other jurisdictions. Included are City and District Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments, School Districts, Regional Parks, Hospitals, Ambulances, Water and Sanitary Districts, etc., totalling over 1400 units and over 70 agencies. The Engineering Section provides technical consultation services for all County agencies and other contracting users.

Maintenance and repair services supplied are charged for, such as to balance costs of technical services, supplies and overhead against charges. In fiscal year July 1, 1970 through June 30, 1971 Communications Technical services rendered amounted to a total of $159,461. of which approximately two-thirds was for services rendered to other than the Sheriff's Department. Changes and consolidations of communications operations in the past year by many districts and cities have resulted in time-consuming installation projects to accomplish major communications systems changes for these entities.

CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY

	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
TOTAL NUMBER OF REQUESTS RECEIVED BY LABORATORY	3,693	4,210	6,955	5,837	7,357
REQUESTS REQUIRING EXAMINATION OF FINGERPRINTS	1,783	2,414	4,515	2,853	3,632
REQUESTS REQUIRING EXAMINATION OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	1,935	1,843	2,719	2,919	3,655
REQUESTS FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES	1,261	1,124	3,805	2,537	3,529
TOTAL NUMBER OF LABORATORY REPORTS PREPARED	3,262	4,092	6,941	5,626	7,897
TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBPOENAS RECEIVED	277	409	971	1,471	1,469
APPEARANCES AT JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS	105	110	121	212	151

The Criminalistics Laboratory is responsible for the analysis, identification and interpretation of various items of physical evidence submitted in connection with crimes. The laboratory provides this service for all of Contra Costa County, including municipalities as well as unincorporated County areas.

The total number of requests received by the laboratory increased by some 26% during the 1970-71 fiscal year. During this period of increased laboratory work load, a substantial decrease in appearances at judicial proceedings was noted. It would appear that this decrease in court appearances resulted from a new standardized program for the handling of drug and narcotics evidence.

CORONER'S OFFICE

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES

1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
1,133	1,279	1,244	1,275

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS, AUTOPSIES, INSPECTIONS, AND INQUIRIES

	INVESTIGATIONS	AUTOPSIES	INSPECTIONS	INQUIRIES
1967-68	1,133	859		274
1968-69	1,279	1,211		68
1969-70	1,244	1,182		62
1970-71	1,275	899	318	58

COMPARISONS

YEAR	HOMICIDES	SUICIDES	TRAFFIC	MISC.	NON-TRAUMATIC	TOTAL
1965-66	25	68	109	89	780	1,071
1966-67	38	81	110	79	781	1,089
1967-68	27	69	144	83	810	1,133
1968-69	30	94	129	87	939	1,279
1969-70	29	85	141	105	884	1,244
1970-71	33	91	111	141	899	1,275

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